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SUBJECT: EXBS: JUNE 2004 MONTHLY REPORT FOR SLOVAKIA,
CZECH REPUBLIC AND HUNGARY

SLOVAKIA

ON JUNE 1, 2004, FSN DUSANA BARTKOVA, CAME ON BOARD AS THE EXBS PROGRAM ASSISTANT. MS. BARTKOVA WAS FORMERLY UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER (CEEBIC) AS A TRADE SPECIALIST. SHE WORKED AT THE EMBASSY'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMERCIAL SERVICE SECTION. SHE COMES TO US WITH EXCELLENT CREDENTIALS AND OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HER PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR. I AM CERTAIN SHE WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE EXBS PROGRAM.

ON JUNE 11, 2004, EXBS ADVISOR AND EXBS ASSISTANT MET WITH DIRECTOR EVA LUTERANOVA, DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION FOR THE CUSTOMS DIRECTORATE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO INTRODUCE EXBS ASSISTANT DUSANA BARTKOVA TO DIRECTOR LUTERANOVA AND TO BE INTRODUCED TO VLADIMIR STASKO, HEAD DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. DIRECTOR LUTERANOVA TOLD US THAT SHE IS RESIGNING HER POSITION WITH THE CUSTOMS DIRECTORATE ON JUNE 26, 2004, CITING PERSONAL REASONS. MR. STASKO WILL NOW BE THE EXBS POINT OF CONTACT IN THE CUSTOMS DIRECTORATE. DIRECTOR LUTERANOVA HAS BEEN A TERRIFIC SOURCE FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO THE EXBS ADVISOR OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS. WE ALSO DISCUSSED FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE IBIT/RADACAD TRAINING, JULY 14-31, 2004. SLOVAK CUSTOMS WILL BE SENDING SIXTEEN OF THEIR CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO THIS TRAINING, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EXBS ADVISOR.

ON JUNE 16-18, 2004, EXBS ASSISTANT DUSANA BARTKOVA TRAVELED TO LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA FOR BUDGET TRAINING WITH LJUBLJANA'S EXBS ASSISTANT MAJA BIZJAK. MS. BIZJAK HAS BEEN MAINTAINING ALL THE BUDGETS FOR THE SLOVAKIA EXBS ADVISOR AND FORWARDING ALL MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS TO CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS AS REQUIRED. MY THANKS TO MS. BIZJAK FOR THE TERRIFIC ASSISTANCE SHE HAS PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE. DUSANA BARTKOVA, EXBS ASSISTANT IN BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA, WILL NOW ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL FUTURE BUDGET REPORTING.

ON JUNE 21, 2004, EXBS ADVISOR MET WITH MR. IMRICH SCHLOSSER, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL UNIT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL MIGRATION, BUREAU OF BORDER AND ALIEN POLICE. MR. SCHLOSSER PROVIDED A BRIEFING ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE BUREAU OF BORDER AND ALIEN POLICE, SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON HIS UNIT AND THE SUCCESS THEY HAVE ACHIEVED OVER THE PAST YEAR, AND THE FUTURE DIRECTION AND GOAL OF HIS UNIT. WE ALSO DISCUSSED WAYS THAT THE EXBS PROGRAM MIGHT ASSIST HIS UNIT'S ENDEAVORS. ONE SPECIFIC REQUEST WAS FOR ANY ASSISTANCE AND/OR FUNDING TO PROVIDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR THE BUREAU OF BORDER AND ALIEN POLICE.

ON JUNE 24, 2004, EXBS ADVISOR AND THE EXBS ASSISTANT MET WITH DR. MICHAL BORGULA, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF BORDER AND ALIENS POLICE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES, TO DISCUSS THE EXBS PROGRAM GOALS, DISCUSS UPCOMING RADACAD TRAINING FOR FIVE OF HIS OPERATIVES/INVESTIGATORS AND TO LEARN FROM MR. BORGULA WHAT NEEDS THE BORDER AND ALIEN POLICE HAVE THAT OUR PROGRAM MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. MR. BORGULA ALSO MENTIONED THE NEED FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR HIS OFFICERS.

HUNGARY

DURING THE MONTH JUNE 2004, THE EXBS ADVISOR MADE NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS (AND SENT NUMEROUS EMAILS) TO L-3 COMMUNICATIONS IN THE UK TO TRY TO ASCERTAIN THE DELIVERY DATE FOR THE X-RAY AUTOVAN THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DELIVERED IN LATE JUNE. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE

AUTOVAN WILL BE DELIVERED TO HUNGARY ON OR AROUND JULY 12, 2004.

CZECH REPUBLIC

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REPUBLIC ON OR
AROUND JULY 5, 2004.

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